(b) to (d) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Disputes over assessed amounts

2855. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2098 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) when were the amounts in respect of Dipyradamol, Doxycycline and Rifampicin assessed against each company and when were the disputes raised, and

(b) what are the details of these disputes?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Notices for recovery of amount were issued between 1984 and 1987. The pleas were raised subsequent to the notices issued in these cases.

(b) The following pleas have been made in these cases:

(i) Rise in prices of the drug subsequent to 1984 was not taken into account.

(ii) Fall in prices were already passed on to the consumers by selling the formulations at lower prices.

(iii) Set-off to be allowed for the losses incurred due to non-revision of prices for a quite long time.

(iv) Set-off to be given for the increase in prices of packing materials etc.

(v) The vires of para 7 of DPCO, 1979 is doubtful.

Mark up on drugs

2856. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2097 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th November, 1988 and state:

(a) on what basis his ministry decided to give 100 per cent mark up on Streptopenicillin injection;

(b) whether it is a fact that the quantity of Streptomycin and Penicillin used for injection is the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that Saridon is not an anti-malarial drug;

(d) if so, on what basis this product has been taken as Category-I;

(e) on what basis Ibuprofen plus Paracetamol has been taken as Category-I product when this combination is used as an anti-inflamatory agent; and

(f) what is the present positon of these products?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(c) to (f) These products were classified as Category I as per provisions of DPCO, 1987 since paracetamol was previously included in First Schedule of the DPCO, 1987. However, consequent to the shifting of paracetamol from First Schedule to the 2nd Schedule of upto, 1987, these drugs now fall under Category-II.

Import of Rifampicin

2857. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2099 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) the reasons for not allowing imports of Rifampicin liberally at a price not exceeding $ 160 per kg. and import of intermediates at $ 213 per kg.; and